

BROKEN LINKS

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as Eloquent Comment
on Current Events

The Honorable Lælle M. Shaw is becoming alarmed at socialism, like-wise several other honorables, like-wise some high dignitaries in some high churches. I have seen people scare at the mere word, people who could not tell socialism from sassafras, and who invariably confound it as does Mr. Shaw, with sociology or with anarchy. Says Mr. Shaw, in addressing a gathering of alumni of a certain college:

"I am alarmed at the trend toward socialism in this country today. If there is any power in this country to stem it, it ought to be the trained minds of college men. But four out of five commencement day orations are purely socialistic. I have met some of the teachers of sociology in our schools and universities. With few exceptions these teachers are socialists as you can find by a few moments of conversation with them, and the few exceptions are anarchists."

This "alarmed" condition over a trend of thought is always more or less amusing. A trend of action without thought may well awaken fear, but thought betokens only good to the human family. When people think the world may rest in peace. We are safe. No foolish wars will lift their ugly heads, no tyrant will place, nor dare to place his iron heel upon the neck of man. The world of thought means liberty, justice, love. When we think long enough and hard enough we will think right; and when right rules the mind, it rules conduct.

Socialism is a more or less perfectly thought-out remedy for existing evils and varies in "sweet reasonableness," according to the intensity of the evil. When the latter is rampant the proposed remedy will be likely to partake of the same nature. Socialism thus far finds its most prolific growth under monarchies, the more absolute and tyrannical, naturally the greater the protest. The world is for man. At bottom that is the creed of socialism. Equal rights, equal opportunities, justice, equality. It believes that the natural resources of the country should no more be bottled up for special classes than should the air, or water, or sunshine. They are all the Lord's gifts to His created, and the Lord takes no note of classes, or bank accounts. "I'm a child of a king" is the song of socialism.

Now sir, Mr. High Bug, you may get alarmed over the growth of this idea as much as becomes your station. You may fight it by all polite means accessible to you. You may get your secretaries to write exhaustive treatises against it, but it is right here, a sort of a Bermuda grass foundation to all healthy social conditions. The more you fight it, the more it prospers. Humanity is greater than one wing of it, and thought is the untrammelled prince of creation. The tyranny of wealth, the spirit of dogma, the oppression of class, are as pebbles beneath his feet.

Oh, shoot! silly thing! give it up. This fighting the inevitable. Welcome every effort to reach conditions that make for the betterment of the whole race. The writer is not a socialist; but I know of the devoted, consecrated lives of those who stand for it as leaders, and I say thank the Lord for such. May their number multiply!

Tax-paying women of Michigan can now vote on all tax questions. This applies to all parts of the state and came as a compromise when 175,000 women petitioned the constitutional convention asking for an amendment granting full suffrage to women. New York, Louisiana and Montana are the other states in which women have some form of tax-paying suffrage.

One of the so-called strongest arguments against woman suffrage has been this: That the bad women

would vote and the good would not. While this is only a supposition and not an argument, it no doubt has had much weight with certain classes opposed to suffrage. Hence it is with interest that one reads of the result of the last election relative to this phase of woman suffrage in Denver, the largest city in the United States where full suffrage is given. The following is taken from the report of a group of people who were sent out by the different newspapers to study conditions and records on election day:

"In studying the lists of registered voters, we learned that on Capitol Hill the best residential parts of the city more women registered and voted than men, the highest number of women being 53 per cent in one precinct, the proportion of women to men decreasing toward the slum or tenement wards. In the working quarters where a larger number of men than women live, 37 per cent of the votes were cast by women. In the tenement district, where we have been told evil women would vote the good, in one precinct where there were 700 registered voters, 100 were women and out of that number but 20 voted. In a neighboring precinct, 30 only out of the 400 votes were cast by women. These two precincts represent the worst tenement and lowest elements of the city. When I asked 'Billie Green,' the boss of one of the precincts, where all the women of that precinct were, as not one was visible at the polls, he said, 'Nothing doing in women's votes here any more.' I asked why, and he replied, 'Oh, the people sat down on this sort of thing some years ago.' I then asked him if the so-called bad women's vote was ever large and he replied, 'No they will never vote if they don't have to. They don't care anything about it. Then they never live long enough in one house to gain a residence for voting and most of them live under false names. Whenever they vote they are made to do so by bad officials to keep out of jail. I know what I am talking about,' he said laughing. I understood his meaning better later when the News reported who accompanied me to Mr. Green had served nine months in jail for forcing the poor unfortunate men and women to vote."

"The man who is the so-called boss of the other tenement district warned me against woman suffrage as it demoralized women, and the bad women would outvote the good. I remarked, 'There is not one woman in line here nor in Mr. Green's precinct, but on Capitol Hill half and more of the voters are women and the only place women are not voting is here in the slums.' He shook his head and said, 'It demoralizes women.' On leaving him I was informed he was one of many men who had served six months in jail for illegal voting and that he was part owner of the only indecent theater in Denver and that he did more to corrupt the unfortunate men and women than any other man in the state. While it is not true that all men are corrupt who say they fear politics will corrupt women, you may be sure that all men of the type of this ward boss will always harp on that string. We know now from personal observation that where the women are respectable, home making, industrious and intelligent, a large per cent register and vote, that in the tenement districts, few voluntary votes are cast by women, and this year very few voted even though the election was very close. In the portion of the city where large numbers of women vote, fully one half the polling places were in parlors of private houses, not one in a saloon. Further, not a single saloon was open, front door nor back. Some vacant stores, restaurants, barber shops and garages were utilized, but by far the greater number were in houses."

"All day long I saw no man show

disrespect to any woman, there was no discourtesy on the part of either man or woman towards man or woman."

So the world moves on. No one need trouble. Today is bright, the tomorrow's will be brighter. The best is yet to be."

Where is the man that The Standard Clothing Co. can not fit and please with clothes, Hats and Toggery?

FIRST REGATTA
OF BOAT CLUB TO
BE BIG EVENT

Sixteen Motor Boats Have
Already Been Entered in
Race to Harris.

RACE WILL BE A HANDICAP ONE,
AND PROMISES TO BE INTER-
ESTING AND ENJOYABLE TO
THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSO-
CIATION.

Sixteen motor boats, some of which are among the fastest in the harbor, have been entered in the first regatta of the Pensacola Motor Boat Club, which is to be pulled off on Sunday, the 27th, and from the interest that is being manifested there can be no doubt but that it will be an interesting event.

The boats will start from the east side of Baylen street wharf, and the race will be to Harris, a distance of thirty miles, which will prove a good test of the speed and endurance of the craft owned by the members. The race is to be a handicap one, and based on what each boat owner says his vessel can make per hour.

At the conclusion of the race the boats will proceed in fleet formation to the Gulfview Hotel, where the members and their lady friends will be the guests of Commodore Morgan at dinner.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in South Africa.

South Africa within the last few years has gained more prominence, perhaps, than in all its past history. Its rich diamond mines have won for it an enviable reputation. Its native uprisings excite sympathy everywhere, while the Boer war, the effect of which will be felt for a long time to come was looked upon with mixed emotions, the world cheering or mourning, according to the interests involved. During these critical times, its commerce was crippled, supplies were scarce and only staple articles were shipped there. Among these were Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It was sent there in large quantities, as its reputation for usefulness and reliability had already been established. Mr. S. Schneider, of Kofffontein, Orange River Colony, shows by the following letter that this medicine is still held in high esteem. He says: "I thank you for your good Cough Remedy. I used it for myself and three children when we had bad coughs and it helped us. Every family should keep it at hand."

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